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1. KRUSTEV VISIT - WE ARE CLEARING A CABLE FROM USDA IN WHICH WE CONCUR IN SUPPORTING YOUR PROPOSAL (REF. A) THAT KRUSTEV VISIT THE US FOR THE SIGNATURE OF THE JOINT STATEMENT ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE. USDA WILL FORWARD A LETTER OF INVITATION TO KRUSTEV FROM BERGLAND ON YOUR RECOMMENDATION. REGARDING TIMING, APRIL IS OUT ACCORDING TO USDA BECAUSE OF BERGLAND'S VERY FULL SCHEDULE HERE. MAY IS OUT BECAUSE BERGLAND WILL BE TRAVELING TO THE USSR, NORWAY, POLAND, HUNGARY, AND POSSIBLY ROMANIA. (THIS IS STILL TENTATIVE AND STRICTLY FYI AT THIS POINT.) THEREFORE, ON OUR ASSUMPTION THAT NEGOTIATION OF THE JOINT STATEMENT WOULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WRAPPED UP BEFOREHAND, WE ARE WORKING WITH USDA TO GET SOME POSSIBLE DATES FROM BERGLAND'S OFFICE FOR A VISIT IN JUNE. WE'LL LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS WE HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU TO PROPOSE TO THE GOB. IN ADDITION, LUERS HAS SUGGESTED TO USDA THAT IT WOULD BE VERY GOOD IF ONE OF BERGLAND'S TRAVELING COMPANIONS IN MAY SPLIT OFF FROM THE GROUP AND

VISITED BULGARIA. THE INITIAL REACTION WAS FAVORABLE.

2. KREPS VISIT - AS NOTED IN REF. B, WE WILL CONTINUE TO
WORK ON THE IDEA OF A VISIT BY SECRETARY KREPS TO BULGARIA.
IT WOULD BE GOOD IF WE COULD ARRANGE A SIDE-TRIP THERE ON
A VISIT ELSEWHERE IN EE OR TO THE USSR, BUT FRANKLY THE
PROSPECTS DON'T SEEM VERY GOOD AT THE MOMENT.

3. WE HAVE RECEIVED REFTEL C AND WILL RESPOND ASAP. CHRISTOPHER

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